

Appln. No. 10/040,339  
Amendment dated May 12, 2004  
Reply to Office Action mailed 11/14/2003

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1-8, 11-24, 32-35, 37-40, 43-46, and 51-53 remain in this application. Claims 9-10, 25-31, 36, 41-42, 47-50 have been cancelled.

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Advisory Action, the duplicative limitations of claim 17, specifically lines 12-20 have been deleted. In light of the above amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

A copy of the new Power of Attorney, executed on May 10, 2004 by the inventor, Mr. Jack Denton, is attached to this responsive amendment to facilitate early reconsideration and allowance of the application.

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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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